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Amendments to the Claims

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1.- 5. (**Cancelled**)

- 6. (Currently Amended) An optical AND logic gate comprising:
 - i) a combining device having first and second inputs and a first output, said—one of said first and second inputs <u>including</u>
 includes an optical delay line;
 - ii) a splitting device having first second third and fourth terminals;
 - iii) a nonlinear element;
 - iv) said third and fourth terminals form an optical loop including said nonlinear element displaced from the center of said optical loop;
 - v) said first and second inputs arranged to receive first and second optical signals for producing a third optical signal at said first output of said combining device;
 - vi) the first terminal of said splitting device arranged to receive said third optical signal from said first output of said combining device for producing at said second terminal a signal corresponding to the AND product of said first and second optical signals.

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7. (Original) The optical logic gate of claim 6 wherein said nonlinear element is a semiconductor amplifier (SOA).

- 8. (Original) The optical logic gate of claim 6 wherein said optical logic gate is fabricated on a chip.
- 9. (Currently Amended) An optical AND logic gate comprising:
 - a combining device having first and second inputs and a first output, said one of said first and second inputs including includes an optical delay line and said first output including includes a directing device for directing optical signal returning to said first output into a second output;
 - ii) a splitting device having first second and third terminals; and
 - iii) a nonlinear element;
 - iv) said second and third terminals form an optical loop including said nonlinear element displaced from the center of said optical loop;
 - v) said first and second inputs arranged to receive first and second optical signals for producing a third optical signal at said first output of said combining device;
 - vi) the first terminal of said splitting device arranged to receive said third optical signal from said first output of said combining device for producing at said second output a signal corresponding to the AND product of said first and second optical signals.
- 10. (Original) The optical logic gate of claim 9 wherein said nonlinear element is a semiconductor optical amplifier (SOA).

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11. (Original) The optical logic gate of claim 9 wherein said optical logic gate is fabricated on a chip.

- 12. (Original) The optical logic gate of claim 9 wherein said directing device is selected from a group of directing devices including optical couplers and optical circulators.
- 13. (Original) The optical logic gate of claim 9 wherein said one of said first and second inputs further includes an optical amplifier.
- 14. (Currently Amended) An optical AND logic gate comprising:
 - i) a combining device having first and second inputs and a first output, said one of said first and second inputs including includes an optical delay line and said first output including includes a directing device for directing optical signal returning to said first output into a second output;
 - ii) a splitting device having first second and third terminals;
 - iii) a nonlinear element; and
 - iv) an attenuator;
 - v) said second and third terminals form an optical loop including said attenuator and said nonlinear element displaced from the center of said optical loop;
 - vi) said first and second inputs arranged to receive first and second optical signals for producing a third optical signal at said first output of said combining device;
 - vii) the first terminal of said splitting device arranged to receive said third optical signal from said first output of said combining device

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for producing at said second output a signal corresponding to the

AND product of said first and second optical signals.

- 15. (Original) The optical logic gate of claim 14 wherein said nonlinear element is a semiconductor optical amplifier (SOA).
- 16. (Original) The optical logic gate of claim 14 wherein said optical logic gate is fabricated on a chip.
- 17. (Original) The optical logic gate of claim 14 wherein said directing device is selected from a group of directing devices including optical couplers and optical circulators.
- 18. (Original) The optical logic gate of claim 14 wherein said attenuator is a semiconductor optical amplifier (SOA).

19.-24. (Cancelled)